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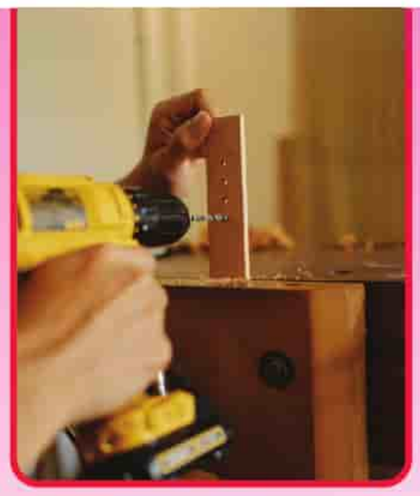

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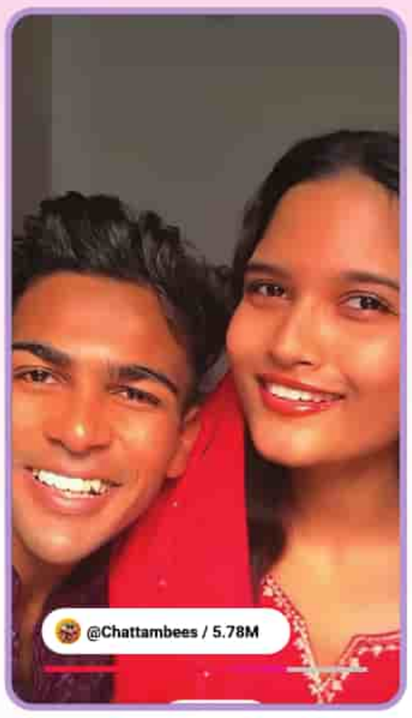

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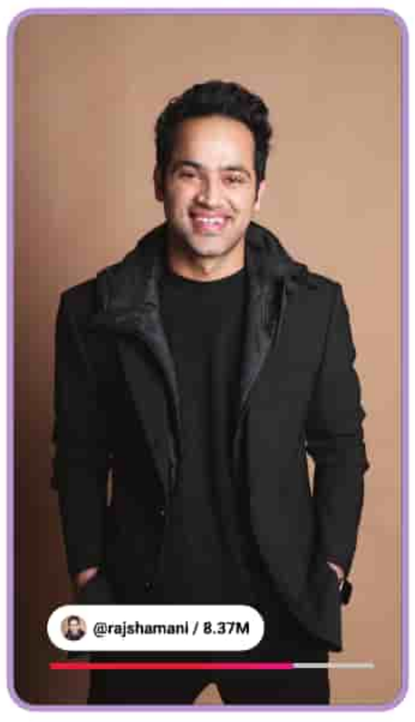

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After Central Crime Branch cracks down on network supplying forged documents to secure police verification certificates, officials emphasise on need for independent background checks

THE IMITATION GAME

Forged documents used to get jobs in security agencies

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The integrity of police verification processes, especially for roles in private security, has come under scrutiny after a recent crackdown by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) exposed a network supplying forged documents to secure Police Verification Certificates (PVCs).

In what officials call a growing menace, forged documents are increasingly being used to secure jobs in security agencies, jobs that often come with access to residential complexes, commercial buildings, and sensitive facilities.

Several recent cases have revealed that individuals with criminal backgrounds, including proclaimed offenders, managed to get hired as security guards after submitting falsified documents to obtain PVCs.

The practice not only undermines the purpose of background verification but also exposes citizens to significant safety risks.

Jobs with fake documents

The latest investigation by the CCB's Special Investigation Team (SIT) unearthed a racket in which fake rental agreements and duplicated e-stamp papers were used to fraudulently obtain police verification certificates. Triggered by instructions from senior officers, inspections across multiple police stations, Mahadevapura, Kadugodi, and Tilak Nagar, found that several applicants had submitted documents featuring identical e-stamp numbers with altered names and addresses. The properties listed belonged to just three owners, yet copies of the same agreements had been submitted as "originals"

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Traffic congestion levels rise by nearly 20% in a week of ban on bike taxis; crackdown on auto drivers continues

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THINGS TO DO

01 Family fun

Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) is presenting 'Family Day', a celebration of all the amazing people who make up your unique family, with a day packed with captivating stories, thrilling games, and hands-on creative fun. **Where: Museum of Art and Photography, Ashok Nagar; When: June 29, 11 am to 7 pm**

02 Handcrafted picks

The Purple Turtles is presenting 'A Festival of Mirrors', a curated showcase of sculptural, handcrafted mirrors that celebrate heritage, form, and function. **Where: The Purple Turtles, Indiranagar; When: June 25 to July 9, 10.30 am to 8 pm**

03 Retail therapy

Swadeshi Art and Craft Exhibition is bringing an exclusive sale of handlooms, handicrafts, jewellery, sarees, clothing accessories, khadi kurtas, suit pieces and home accessories. **Where: White Housse, HSR Layout; When: June 22 to 29, 10.30 am to 9 pm**

04 Journey within

Shubham School of Performing Arts Bengaluru is presenting a captivating multidisciplinary dance production that uses the metaphor of water to explore the stages of human existence—from birth and growth to love, loss, and ultimately, return. **Where: Medai The Stage, Koramangala; When: June 29, 11 am**

05 Artistic escape

Free-floating, untethered, and massive in scale, Janarthanan Rudhramoorthy's magnificent metallic beings are taking centre stage in KYNKYNY's latest exhibition. **Where: KYNKYNY Art Gallery, Infantry Road; When: May 30 to June 27, 11 am to 6 pm**

IB to investigate bomb threats to schools

Despite repeated efforts, origin of threats have not been traced as several of these emails have been routed through VPNs and use IP-masking techniques, say sources

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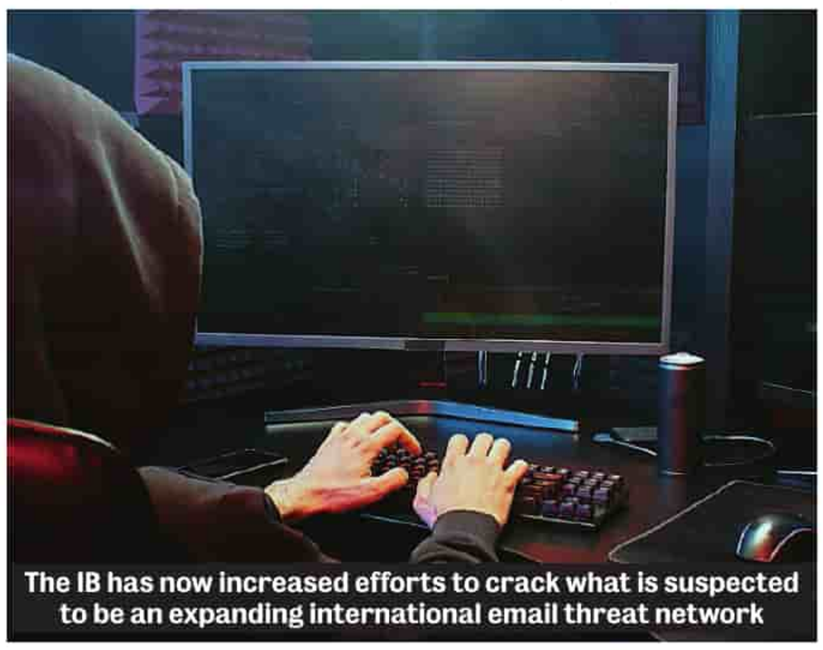
With a sharp rise in hoax bomb threats being emailed to schools and colleges, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and central agencies have taken serious note of the issue. An investigation has been launched based on information gathered from all states. According to sources, Karnataka has reported 169 such threats between 2022 and 2024, of which an alarming 133 incidents were in Bengaluru alone, making it the most targeted city in the state.

The persistent nature of these threatening emails particularly aimed at educational institutions has raised security concerns. The IB has begun coordinating with state police forces and collecting data on both past and present cases. Their focus includes identifying patterns, tracing IP addresses, and determining whether these threats are linked to a larger, coordinated effort.

Recently Kempegowda International Airport received two fake bomb threat emails on June 13 and 16, causing panic and triggering security checks. The emails, referencing terrorist Ajmal Kasab, claimed bombs were planted, reportedly even in a toilet pipeline. Airport officials confirmed the threats were hoaxes after thorough inspections. The airport police have registered a case and launched an investigation to trace the source.



The IB has now increased efforts to crack what is suspected to be an expanding international email threat network

"There is nothing significant. The case has already been cracked in Gujarat – A senior official, referring to the arrest of Rene Joshilda by the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime unit in connection with hoax bomb threats sent across 12 states

There are several such instances where prestigious educational institutions in the city have also received similar threats. On June 19, the airport received another hoax email, and on the same day a private school in the city was also issued a hoax threat. A bomb threat was received via email to a school in Pulikeshi Nagar, and the school principal has filed a complaint in this regard. As a precautionary measure, the students were given leave and sent home. The IB is now working in tandem with the Central Intelligence Agency to track down the origin of the messages and uncover those responsible.

Frustrated by the lack of progress, the IB has now stepped up efforts to crack what is suspected to be an expanding international email threat network. According to multiple sources, IB officials recently visited the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner's office to gather key details and review past investigation reports.

According to media sources, several of these emails have been routed through VPNs and use IP-masking techniques, which has hindered local police investigations so far. Despite repeated efforts, there has been little success in tracing the origin of the threats. Most cases remain unresolved, with the sources of the emails still shrouded in mystery.

Learning sustainable living

Around 200 residents and volunteers came together to support the environment and learn about sustainable living by participating in Dhaara 2025 at Sarakki Lake.

The event saw month-long campaigns to promote conservation through guided nature walks, sharing of stories, plog runs, and waste collection drives, culminating on June 22 with the planting of 108 native saplings to help restore greenery around the lake. All the art and decorations at the event were made using waste and e-waste materials, showcasing how discarded items could be effectively reused.

Akshata Bharadwaj, a volunteer, said that Dhaara 2025 was about more than just planting saplings, it was about reclaiming connection with nature. "Watching our eldest and youngest participants light up after planting a tree was a powerful reminder that it is never too late to give back. If we want a greener future for this city, it has to be a shared effort across generations and communities," she said.

Sahil Sarvadeva, another volunteer, expressed that it was heartening to witness people of all age groups, kids, parents, and even grandparents come together for the event. "You don't often see that kind of mix at events these days. Dhaara felt more like a community celebration than just an initiative, and I think that's what made it special," said Sarvadeva. The participants highlighted that Dhaara 2025 was not just a celebration but a reminder that when people come together, they can make a big difference for nature and the planet.

— Y Maheswara Reddy

Reservation for Kannadigas in private sector to be placed before Cabinet soon

The issue of job reservations for Kannadigas in the private sector has once again taken centre stage, with Labour Minister Santosh Lad stating that a proposal on the matter will be placed before the Cabinet within a month, after completing the public consultation process.

Minister Lad said the government is in the process of gathering opinions on reserving employment opportunities for Kannadigas in industries, factories, and private companies. "Once public feedback is collected from all quarters, the proposal will be placed before the Chief Minister, and only then will it be taken to the Cabinet for approval," he explained. The Karnataka State Employment Bill 2024, which aims to give priority to locals in industrial and other private establishments, was earlier prepared for tabling. However, due to mixed responses and opposition at the national level, the bill was withheld at the last moment. **— BMB**

Post-mortem reveals murder; 2 held

The Bandepalya police have arrested two persons in connection with the murder of a 30-year-old painter, after a post-mortem report revealed that he had died from injuries sustained during an assault. The deceased has been identified as Shailesh Yadav, who hailed from Uttar Pradesh. The arrested suspects are Satish and Arun Yadav, who were all residing in a rented house in Munireddy Palya. Birendra Yadav is still absconding.

Initially, police had registered an unnatural death case after Satish informed authorities on June 21 that he found Yadav unresponsive when he returned from a trip to Tirupati. Excessive alcohol consumption was said to be a possible cause. Since there were no visible injuries on the body, the police did not suspect foul play at the time.

However, the post-mortem report later confirmed that Shailesh had died due to blunt force trauma to the head and face, prompting a deeper investigation. During questioning, police learned that Shailesh had reportedly shared information about Birendra Yadav's alleged affair with his sister-in-law. This revelation led to a confrontation, which escalated into violence resulting in Shailesh's death.

The accused are also suspected to have kept the body in the house for two days and had allegedly planned to dispose of it, but failed. **— BMB**

₹111 crore sanctioned for shoes and socks for govt school students

The Karnataka government has sanctioned Rs 111.88 crore to distribute one pair of shoes and two pairs of socks to approximately 40.68 lakh students studying in classes 1 to 10 in government schools during the 2025–26 academic year. Under the 2025–26 'Vidyavikas' initiative, a total allocation of Rs 410 crore has been made for student welfare. In the first phase, Rs 111.88 crore has been released, and officials have been instructed to disburse funds through the SATS software in accordance with student enrolment data.

The responsibility for shoe distribution has been entrusted to School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs). Depending on local weather conditions, schools are allowed to purchase and distribute alternative types of footwear in place of standard shoes and socks. The entire procurement and distribution process must be completed within 30 days of the order being issued. The government has fixed the cost at Rs 265 for classes 1 to 5, Rs 295 for classes 6 to 8, and Rs 325 for classes 9 and 10. The order also mentions that in cases where donors contribute additional funds, higher-quality shoes and socks may be procured and distributed, said officials. **— BMB**

Traffic grows 20% within week of bike taxi ban

Data from traffic index shows sharp rise in commute times across key Bengaluru routes like Outer Ring Road and Whitefield

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The city's already notorious traffic has taken a sharp turn for the worse, with congestion levels rising by nearly 20% within a week of the Karnataka government's ban on bike taxi services. Commuters, especially those dependent on affordable and quick two-wheeler rides, are now bearing the brunt of longer travel times and higher transportation costs.

Data tracks gridlock

According to data from the TomTom traffic index, average commute times in Bengaluru have increased significantly across major corridors, including Outer Ring Road, Whitefield, Bannerghatta Road, and Silk Board Junction. The data highlights the noticeable rise in Bengaluru's traffic congestion levels following the Karnataka government's ban on bike taxis, which came into effect on June 16.

The data compares real-time congestion levels with usual congestion levels at 7 pm for each day from June 16 to June 22. The findings show a sharp and consistent increase in traffic across the week.

On June 16, the first day of the ban, congestion levels were already 18% higher than usual. This spike continued on June 17 and 18, with a 22% increase recorded on both days. By June 19, the increase dropped slightly to 16%, and this trend continued through June 20. On June 21, congestion levels surged again by 18%, typically a lighter traffic day, a 13% increase was observed.

The data indicates a consistent increase in traffic congestion over the week, suggesting that the bike taxi ban has notably disrupted commuting patterns and added to the vehicular burden on Bengaluru's roads. On the day the ban was implemented, congestion spiked by 61%, marking a sharp 22-point rise.

Users voice frustration

"The city was just starting to see some relief in terms of micro-mobility. Bike taxis offered a flexible and cost-effective alternative for solo riders. Their ban has pushed more people into cabs and autos, increasing the number of vehicles on the roads," said Anil, a user on X.

The ban, enforced last week, came after a directive citing regulatory and licensing violations by app-based bike taxi aggregators. Officials argue that the move is intended to streamline operations and ensure safety, but critics say the suddenness of the decision has left both riders and operators in the lurch.

"Nothing will happen- Bangalore autos are a group, and politicians do not have the will to bring them to book. Traffic police, politicians and auto unions think only of themselves, not for the betterment of the public," says another user on X, Krishan.

"Lift this ban"

"Ever since the bike taxi ban came into effect, Bengaluru has witnessed at least a 20% surge in traffic congestion, leading to severe traffic jams, particularly in the city's tech corridors. While all other major cities continue to permit bike taxis, Bengaluru stands as an exception. We urge @CMofKarnataka, @DKShivakumar, and @RLR_BTM to reconsider and lift this ban. We also request @RahulGandhi to counsel the government against this regressive move.

Opposition leaders like @RAshokaBJP, @hd_kumaraswamy, and MPs @Tejasvi_Surya, @PCMohanMP, and @ShobhaBJP are urged to speak up for the citizens. In the absence of affordable bike taxis, autos and aggregator cabs have begun charging exorbitant fares, leaving the public exploited and with limited options," Mahesh BR stated in a X post.

Another user stated, "Allow bike taxis to issue stage carrier licences to vehicles breaking the RTC monopoly. Car commuting to the office will come down by 30%."

A User Rina M frustrated and stated, "Why do we have to beg for everything that is needed and fight against what is not? The government is not listening to the people of Bengaluru."

Riders lose livelihoods

Thousands of gig workers who depended on bike taxi platforms like Rapido and UberMoto have been rendered jobless overnight. With 1.2 crore vehicles now crowding its streets, almost matching the city's human population of 1.4 crore, the city grapples with choked roads and frustrated commuters. Many are urging the government to reconsider the ban or expedite the regulation process to reinstate the services under a formal structure.

999 cases filed against auto drivers

Complaints against auto drivers for fare refusal and overcharging have surged, prompting a city-wide crackdown. The traffic police have collected over ₹42,000 in fines within just seven days, targeting errant auto drivers.

Following the High Court's order to suspend services like Rapido, Ola, and Uber bike taxis, the state government made it clear that it has no plans to regulate such services. Consequently, from June 10, major bike taxi operators withdrew operations, forcing commuters to turn to autos for short-distance travel.

Taking advantage of this gap, several auto drivers began demanding exorbitant fares, often double the meter rate, leading to public outrage. In response, the traffic police launched a special enforcement drive across high-traffic hubs like Majestic, MG Road, Cubbon Park, and KSR Railway Station.

In the past six months, the city has seen 999 cases of fare refusal and 961 cases of overcharging, with frequent violations of parking and other traffic norms also reported.

Bike owners challenge ban

On Tuesday, two Bike Owners challenged a Karnataka High

Court single judge's order prohibiting Bike Taxis in the State before the High Court, citing news reports highlighting the ban's adverse impact on commuters. The owners assert that the Aggregator Rules allow for two-wheeler registration, and the ban prevents them from obtaining contract carriage permits and registering their bikes.

They argue that since the Motor Vehicles Act permits two-wheeler registration as transport vehicles, the State cannot refuse to register these vehicles for bike taxi operations. Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice CM Joshi's division bench heard appeals from bike taxi aggregators against the single judge's ruling. In April, the single judge had ruled that aggregators couldn't operate bike-taxi services without State Government guidelines under Section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. **BMB**

IN BRIEF

Police net serial offender

Rajagopalanagara Police have arrested a 25-year-old man allegedly involved in a series of house and vehicle thefts across Bengaluru and rural limits. The case began with a complaint filed on May 28 by a resident of Hegganahalli Cross, who reported his parked auto rickshaw had been stolen during the night of May 25. Acting on inputs, police detained a suspect near Alada Mara Circle in Laggere on June 3.

House help steals jewellery

A 28-year-old domestic worker has been arrested by the JP Nagar police for stealing gold ornaments from her employer's house, where she had been working for over three years.

A JP Nagar 2nd Phase resident filed a complaint on May 27 after gold jewellery, kept aside since January, was found missing on May 17. The family suspected their maid, Lakshmi (28). Based on tip-offs, police detained Lakshmi from her residence. Upon interrogation, she confessed to the theft.

Foot patrol intensified

Following a meeting with senior officials, Bengaluru police have decided to intensify foot patrolling across the city to deter criminal activity. The initiative will involve e-beat staff, Hoysala and Cheetah vehicle personnel, and PSI-rank officers conducting regular foot patrols, especially during morning and evening hours.

Patrolling will be further strengthened in sensitive areas such as religious places, markets, and malls, particularly during weekends and evenings.

Drug abuse awareness

The Karnataka State Police, in collaboration with Bengaluru City Police, will observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on Thursday at Kanteerava Stadium.

The event will be inaugurated by Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister of Karnataka, with MLA Rizwan Arshad presiding. The state's DGP and IGP, MA Saleem, IPS, along with senior officers, experts, and students, are expected to participate. An anti-drug oath will be administered as part of the campaign.

Rider dies in accident

A 23-year-old scooter rider lost his life in a road accident near a church on Platform Road, under Seshadripuram Traffic Police limits, on Monday night.

The victim, who was riding from Okalipuram Bridge towards KFM Junction, reportedly lost control of his two-wheeler and fell on the road. Moments later, a KSRTC bus, allegedly speeding and being driven recklessly, ran over him, crushing him under its rear wheels. The driver fled the spot soon after the incident.

Pushcart rule sparks citywide vendor protest

Over 500 street vendors from across Bengaluru staged a protest at Freedom Park on Tuesday, opposing recent government directives that they say threaten their livelihoods. Vendors from markets including K R Market, Jayanagar 4th Phase, Vijayanagar, Shivajinagar, Hebbal, Munireddy Palya, Yeshwantpur, and Gandhi Bazaar participated. The demonstration was organised by the Karnataka Progressive Street Vendors Association.

The protest followed remarks by Deputy CM D K Shivakumar, who said vendors should operate only in designated vending zones or use pushcarts, and that those without official identity cards would be prohibited from trading. BBMP officials echoed these views, alarming vendors left out of official surveys required for recognition under the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

"Street trading is our right," said Comrade S Babu, the association's president. Other speakers condemned political betrayal, biased development, and lack of space for vendors in "Brand Bengaluru." Leaders also highlighted social security concerns, particularly for elderly and disabled vendors. Women vendors stressed the need for free toilets and better support for pregnant workers.

BBMP Joint Commissioner (West) Sangappa received their memorandum and assured a meeting with Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao. But vendors who reached the BBMP office later found him unavailable and had to meet the Special Commissioner (Welfare), who couldn't address many concerns. The association warned it would intensify protests if demands remain unfulfilled.

75 junctions, one mission: Safest city streets ahead

Long-stalled BBMP mission finally underway to decongest traffic choke points and make commuting cleaner, safer, and more efficient across Bengaluru's urban core

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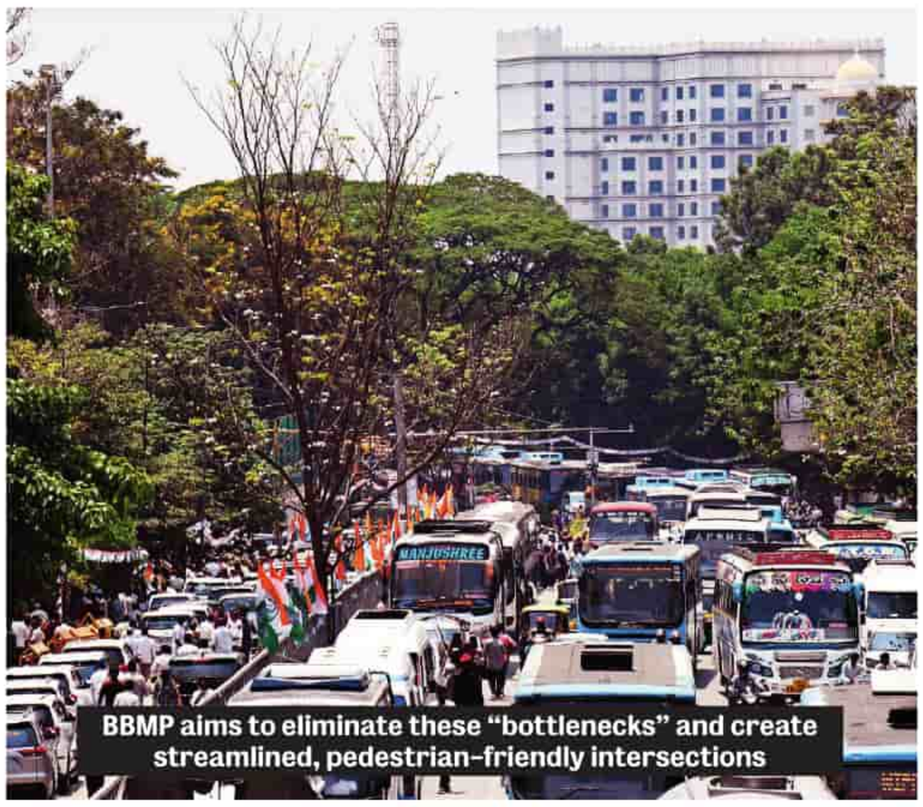
In a major push to improve road safety and ease traffic congestion, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to redesign 75 key traffic junctions across the city. The long-awaited project — aimed at enhancing safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists — is finally underway, with work orders already issued to contractors. The initiative, titled "Suraksha Mission – 75 Junctions", was first announced in the 2023-24 State Budget and launched by then-Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on March 27, 2023. However, the project was stalled for nearly two and a half years before receiving the green signal again recently.

Safer, smarter junctions

A BBMP official said, "The BBMP has earmarked ₹100 crore for this mission, which will be implemented across eight city zones. The identified 75 junctions were selected based on traffic density and accident data compiled in collaboration with the city's traffic police. The plan includes redesigning these spaces to ensure better road geometry, improved pedestrian facilities, and safer crossings. The project has been divided into 15 packages, with tenders already finalised. Contractors have been assigned their respective zones, and physical work is expected to commence shortly."



BBMP aims to eliminate these "bottlenecks" and create streamlined, pedestrian-friendly intersections

Facelift for fading crossroads

The makeover will also focus on beautifying the surrounding areas. Key components include:

- Stormwater drain revamp and removal of silt
- New pedestrian ramps and seating arrangements
- Attractive street lighting and signboards
- Bollards and lane markings for better safety
- Crosswalk enhancements, cat-eyes, and stop lines
- Fountains and decorative landscaping where space allows

Addressing bottlenecks and pollution

Many of Bengaluru's traffic junctions are currently choke points, forcing pedestrians to navigate dangerous crossings and exposing them to high levels of vehicular emissions. Narrow lanes, broken footpaths, and uncovered drains add to the chaos. BBMP aims to eliminate these "bottlenecks" and create streamlined, pedestrian-friendly intersections.

As part of the project, tree-lined seating areas with stone benches will be developed for commuters and pedestrians to rest. While retaining existing trees, new saplings and ornamental plants will be added to create a pleasant and green urban environment.

"With work set to begin soon, citizens can expect a visible transformation at these junctions, blending functionality with aesthetic upgrades — a much-needed move toward making Bengaluru safer and more pedestrian-friendly", added a BBMP official.

Garbage lorry strike put off by 15 days

Drivers of auto-tippers and compactor lorries involved in garbage collection and disposal across Bengaluru have postponed their proposed indefinite strike by 15 days. The decision came after they issued an ultimatum to the state government, demanding fulfilment of their key demands within the stipulated period. The drivers and helpers, who were scheduled to begin their protest from Tuesday, are seeking direct salary disbursement from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and permanent employment status, similar to that of pourakarmikas (civic workers).

They argue that they should no longer be paid through contractors and should be brought under the BBMP's payroll system. Moreover, they insist that their roles as sanitation workers be recognised and made permanent, just as pourakarmikas have been. Earlier, the group had submitted a memorandum to Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar regarding these issues.

Though he reportedly assured them of a review and appropriate action, no concrete steps have been taken so far, the workers claim.

In light of the government's inaction, the drivers and helpers had initially announced they would halt garbage collection and disposal indefinitely starting Tuesday. However, following internal discussions and to avoid public inconvenience, they have decided to postpone the protest for 15 days. "If our demands are not met within this grace period, we will launch an indefinite strike," the group warned, underlining that this will affect garbage collection operations across the city.

Excise fee hiked, vendors push for flexibility

After a gap of 19 years, the Karnataka government has revised all excise license renewal fees, with the new rates coming into effect from July 1. Aimed at boosting revenue, the government initially proposed a 100% hike, but following strong opposition from liquor vendors, it scaled the increase down to 50%. Additionally, the license renewal validity has been extended from one year to five years.

As per the revised structure, license renewal fees now vary by population and jurisdiction. In city corporations with over 20 lakh people, the fee is ₹9 lakh; in others, ₹7.5 lakh. Municipal councils will pay ₹6.75 lakh, while town municipalities and panchayats will pay ₹6 lakh. Fees for distilleries and breweries have risen to ₹1.5 lakh annually, and wholesale spirit distribution licenses now cost ₹67 lakh. Airport bars and similar establishments are also subject to the significantly increased rates. The government had issued a draft notification on May 15 proposing a steep hike, which drew sharp criticism. Liquor traders met with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, requesting a more reasonable increase of 20–25% and submitted objections. The government has now responded by capping the hike at 50%.

The state, which has over 13,000 excise license holders, expects to generate around ₹300 crore in additional annual revenue from this revision. Industry representatives welcomed the increase in license tenure but have urged the government to allow payment of the revised fees in instalments.

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◎ Urban neglect

Indiranagar

Despite being a premium neighbourhood, 17th Cross in Indiranagar suffers from uncleaned roads, dust, and dengue concerns — even with the BBMP office just 150 metres away.

◎ Abandoned vehicle

Sriramapuram

A scrap auto has been lying abandoned for weeks on 4th Cross, Sriramapuram. Despite repeated complaints, no action has been taken to remove it.

◎ Just for show

Kanakapura Road

At Kanakapura Road near the NICE Road Elephant Bridge, flashy hoardings stand tall, but basic road safety and drainage remain missing — raising fears of monsoon chaos.

Frazer Town taps stay dry for days

Residents across Sindhi Colony, Spencer Road, have been left without Cauvery water for days, forced to rely on expensive private tankers despite rain having filled up reservoir

Residents of Frazer Town say they have not received Cauvery water since June 18. It was to be restored on June 21

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> **The real cruelty is this: though BWSSB knew of the water shutdown, it did not supply water to Hutchins Road 6th Cross for 7 days before the shutdown** —Som Thomas, resident

The residents of many areas in Frazer Town have been suffering significant problems due to the disruption in the Cauvery water supply. Though the KRS reservoir is brimming with water, hundreds of residents at Sindhi Colony, on Spencer Road, Promenade Road, Robertson Road and Cleveland Town have been complaining to the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineers to supply Cauvery water but in vain.

The residents complain that they have not received Cauvery water since June 18, one day before the two-day shutdown of Cauvery water to the city. They expected the restoration of the Cauvery water supply on June 21, but in vain. They complain that they are compelled to spend Rs 1,200 to buy water from private water suppliers.

"We have not received Cauvery water since June 15. Every day, different people are giving different stories to us and assuring us that we will get water the next day, but till today, we have not got water. I am residing on Wheeler Road 2nd Cross, Sindhi Colony. The BWSSB engineers continue to assure us of supplying Cauvery water, but we are yet to get water," said Neetu K Baxani, a resident of Sindhi Colony.

Blaming the BWSSB engineers for failing to restore the Cauvery water supply, Habiba Subhan, Organising Secretary of Frazer Town Resident Welfare Association, said the BWSSB engineers are troubling the residents without supplying Cauvery water for weeks. "The residents are finding it tough even to buy water from private water suppliers due to the water demand. Private water suppliers collect Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200 per water tanker. The residents are ready to pay money, but the water suppliers are not able to supply water. The other problem is that they are not allowing water suppliers from other areas to supply water to the residents of Frazer Town," said Habiba Subhan.

The residents said the BWSSB has commenced water supply to a few areas, but the water is not only muddy but also contaminated.

Coming down heavily on the BWSSB authorities' apathy, Som Thomas, a resident at Hutchins Road 6th Cross, said the residents are facing a lot of problems due to no supply of water for the last 12 days. "The real cruelty on the part of the BWSSB is this: although they knew of the water shutdown, they did not supply even one drop of water to Hutchins Road 6th Cross for seven days before the shutdown. Residents had no chance to store water," said Som Thomas.

Meanwhile, the BWSSB Executive Engineer said that there was a disruption in the Cauvery water supply due to an airlock in the water pipes. "We have resolved the problem. Water supply will be restored to all the residents by evening," the Executive Engineer said.

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Techie held for harassment

A 29-year-old techie has been arrested for allegedly attempting to sexually assault a woman colleague at a pub under Cubbon Park police station limits. The accused has been identified as Anurag, a native of Andhra Pradesh.

According to the police, the incident occurred at Hard Rock Cafe during a party attended by Anurag and two women, all colleagues from a private tech firm in BTM Layout. During the gathering, Anurag, reportedly under the influence of alcohol, allegedly made obscene comments and gestures towards one of the women.

The victim, upset, immediately alerted the pub's bouncers and later approached the Cubbon Park police station to file a formal complaint. Based on her statement, the police registered an FIR and arrested Anurag. Anurag is currently in police custody, and further investigations are underway.

—BMB

Tree branch injures techie

A 25-year-old software engineer, Mayur Kumar, was critically injured after a tree branch fell on him while he was riding his scooter near KR Circle on Monday.

A traffic cop rushed him to the Hospital, where he was admitted to the ICU after a CT scan revealed internal injuries requiring surgery. His mother, Anuradha HM, filed a complaint with Halasurugate police alleging BBMP forest cell's negligence, stating the treatment would cost around ₹15 lakh. —BMB

Auto driver assaulted over slogan

A 35-year-old autorickshaw driver was allegedly assaulted by a group of eight men in Hegde Nagar under Sampigehalli police limits on Sunday, after he refused to chant a religious slogan.

The victim, Waseem, who was accompanied by his friend Sameer, had stopped near a vacant site to relieve themselves when they were confronted by the accused, who were reportedly drinking nearby. The group questioned their identity and purpose, and on learning Waseem's religious background, allegedly demanded he chant "Jai Shri Ram". When he refused, they began to assault him. Waseem filed a complaint with the Sampigehalli police. A case has been registered under IPC sections related to assault, criminal intimidation, wrongful restraint. —BMB

Five held for harassing woman

Five men have been arrested for allegedly sexually harassing a young woman near Renuka Yellamma Barangay, in Anekal taluk. The accused, John Richard, Puneeth, Anush Madan, and Kanikya Swami were reportedly intoxicated with ganja at the time of the incident, which took place around 4 pm on Sunday.

According to police, the woman was on her way to a nearby store when the gang blocked her path, touched her inappropriately, and physically assaulted her after she resisted. A local youth intervened and helped her take shelter in a nearby house.

The miscreants, however, followed her and threatened her at home before fleeing. —BMB

Woman falls from 13th floor

A 23-year-old woman lost her life after accidentally falling from the 13th floor of an under-construction building near Rayasandra, under the jurisdiction of Parappana Agrahara police station, on Monday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Nandini, a native of Andhra Pradesh who was working at a hypermarket in the city. According to police, the incident occurred around 6 pm when Nandini visited the building with three friends. While walking close to the edge of the 13th floor, she reportedly lost balance and fell, dying on the spot. Authorities were informed, and a case of unnatural death has been registered. —BMB

Ex-MP booked in road rage

Former BJP MP from Karnataka, Anantkumar Hegde, has been named in a road rage incident involving assault, caste-based abuse, and threats against a Muslim family. The Dabaspet police registered an FIR on Monday evening based on a complaint filed by Saif Khan, a resident of Haleanahalli.

According to the FIR, the incident occurred around 4.30 pm on Monday, near Nijagal on NH-48, when Saif and his family were returning from a wedding in a car. Their vehicle was allegedly intercepted by a white vehicle carrying Hegde, his driver, and a gunman. One of the men reportedly claimed, "I'm from the department," and forced Saif's car off the road.

The complaint alleges that Saif's brother, Salman Khan, was dragged out and beaten, resulting in three broken teeth, while Saif was also assaulted. Hegde allegedly instigated the attack, shouting derogatory terms like "They're from the Sab group, hit them!" referencing "Sabru," a slur. The complainant stated that when his mother, Gul Unnisa, questioned the attackers, Hegde allegedly grabbed her by the neck, pulled her by her clothes, hit her on the head, and threw her to the ground. Saif's uncle, Ilyas Khan, was also reportedly assaulted by Hegde, leaving him with broken teeth and bleeding injuries.

The gunman reportedly threatened to shoot the family. The victims were treated at Dabaspet Government Hospital, and Saif's statement was recorded in the presence of doctors.

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara stated that the conflict began after the family's car overtook Hegde's. While he claimed that Hegde did not physically assault anyone, he confirmed that a probe is ongoing and further action will depend on video evidence and the investigation's outcome.

—BMB

Finally, BBMP starts removing trees growing out of bridge

Citizens welcome removal of peepal trees threatening KR Puram cable-stayed bridge, but seek long-lasting solutions

Environmentalists and social activists on Tuesday welcomed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's) initiative to find a permanent solution to the one-and-a-half-decade-old problem at the cable-stayed bridge near KR Puram. They appealed to the BBMP authorities to ensure no peepal trees sprout on the retaining walls of the bridge.

The issue, which has lingered for over 15 years, gained renewed attention following a Bangalore Mirror report titled The peepal has spoken, published on Tuesday. The article highlighted the authorities' long-standing neglect of the bridge's maintenance and their failure to act, despite repeated alerts from both the media and the public.

BBMP workers remove the peepal trees from the cable-stayed bridge near KR Puram on Tuesday

KR Puram Auto Drivers' Association President N Nagesh expressed gratitude to local MLA Byrathi Basavaraj and BBMP officials for initiating action.

"I want to thank KR Puram MLA Byrathi Basavaraj and the BBMP authorities for taking measures to remove the peepal trees from the cable-stayed bridge," he said.

Environmentalist Balaji Raghotham also appreciated the move and reiterated the need for ongoing vigilance. "As I said earlier, the authorities must remove these trees and ensure no trees grow on the bridge in the future," he stated.

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"There are around 14 trees on the bridge. We are deploying teams between 11 am and 3 pm to avoid traffic congestion

— BBMP executive engineer

A BBMP assistant executive engineer confirmed that the removal process is underway. "There are around 14 peepal trees on the cable-stayed bridge. We are deploying teams to remove the trees between 11 am and 3 pm to avoid traffic congestion," the official said, adding that the operation is expected to take three to four days. **BMB**

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'Relief' bus crash: Owner cleared

The Karnataka High Court provided relief to a bus owner who was initially directed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal to compensate accident victims when the bus was operating outside its permitted route. Justice Hanchate Sanjeevkumar determined that since the bus was conducting relief operations, the owner should not bear compensation responsibility whilst absolving the Insurance company.

The case involved a collision between a private bus and a motorcycle, seriously injuring the rider and pillion passenger. The Tribunal had held the bus owner liable, stating that the vehicle had violated permit conditions by operating outside its authorised route to Haveri, invoking Section 66 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

However, the owner argued that the bus had been dispatched as a 'relief vehicle' to transport passengers from another broken-down bus. The High Court accepted this explanation and cited Rule 57 of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which exempts relief vehicles from Section 66 requirements. **BMB**

One address, several residents

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across different applications. In total, 11 individuals were found to have secured PVCs using such falsified documentation. Police confirmed that many addresses either did not exist or were completely unrelated to the applicants. When questioned, several of the applicants admitted to outsourcing the process to a private security agency, which is now under investigation for allegedly producing and submitting the forged paperwork on their behalf.

Verification undermined by forgery

Law enforcement officials have reiterated that while police verification is not legally mandatory for employment, particularly in the private sector, companies, especially those dealing with public safety, must conduct independent background checks rather than blindly trusting PVCs. When fake credentials are sufficient to secure positions of trust, especially in sectors linked to public safety, the very purpose of police verification stands defeated.

A case has been registered under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, 2023, including those pertaining to forgery, cheating, and criminal conspiracy. Police say the probe is ongoing and

There is concern that this incident may be just one among many similar operations unfolding across the city. Authorities are being urged to implement stricter verification protocols, enhance coordination between agencies, and ensure greater accountability within the private security sector.

HEALTH TIP: A modest weight loss of 7–10% of body weight has been shown to significantly reduce liver inflammation and fat

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DON'T MOVE!

Here's why some people suffer from motion sickness – and which remedies actually work

Cars may be a modern phenomenon, but motion sickness is not. More than 2,000 years ago, the physician Hippocrates wrote "sailing on the sea proves that motion disorders the body". In fact, the word nausea derives from the Greek naus, meaning ship.

Whether you're in a ship, car, plane, or riding a rollercoaster, motion sickness (also called travel sickness or seasickness) can make you retch, vomit, sweat and become pale, and feel nauseated, dizzy and tired.

For some people, watching dizzying scenes in a television show or simply thinking about moving can make us feel woozy. Playing video games or using virtual reality headsets can also lead to motion sickness (in this case, called "cybersickness").

But why does it happen? And why doesn't it affect everyone?

What is motion sickness?

Motion sickness can happen in response to real or perceived motion.

We don't understand the exact mechanisms underlying motion sickness, although there are various hypotheses.

The most accepted theory is that our brains like to know what's going on around us. If our body is moving, but our brain can't work out why, this creates some internal confusion.

Within our brains, the "vestibular system", which includes sensory organs in your inner ear, helps maintain balance. It has trouble doing this when you're constantly being moved around (for example, inside a car) and sends the signals throughout our body which make us feel woozy.

Supporting this theory, people who have damage to some parts of their inner ear systems can become completely immune to motion sickness.

Why does motion sickness affect some people and not others?

Very rough movement will make almost anyone motion sick. But some people are much more susceptible.

Women tend to experience motion sickness more than men. There is evidence that hormonal fluctuations - for example during pregnancy or some stages of the menstrual cycle - may increase susceptibility.

Some other conditions, such as vertigo and migraines, also make people more likely to experience motion sickness.

In children, motion sickness tends to peak between ages six and nine, tapering off in the teens. It is much rarer in the elderly.

In a car, the driver is normally in charge of the motion, and so their brain can anticipate movements (such as turning), leading to less motion sickness than for passengers.

Are some modes of transport worse?

Motion sickness is typically triggered by slow, up-and-down and left-to-right movements (low-frequency lateral and vertical motion). The more pronounced the motion, the more likely we are to get sick.

This is why you might feel fine during some stages of an air flight, but become nauseous during times when there is turbulence. It's the same at sea, where the larger and more undulating the waves, the more chance there is passengers will feel sick.

Recent reports have suggested electric vehicles make motion sickness worse.

This may be because electric vehicles tend to launch from a standstill with a fast acceleration. Sudden movements like this can make some occupants more nauseous.

The silence of an electric vehicle is also unusual. Most of us are used to hearing the engine running and feeling the vehicle's rumble as it moves. The silence in an electric vehicle removes these prompts, and likely further confuses our brain, making motion sickness worse.

Interestingly, when an electric vehicle is put into autonomous (self-driving) mode, the driver becomes just as susceptible to motion sickness as the passengers.

What helps motion sickness?

For some people it never goes away, and they remain susceptible to motion sickness for life.

But there are ways to manage symptoms, for example, avoiding travelling in bad weather, looking out the window and focusing on stable points (such as the aeroplane wing during a flight) or a distant stationary object (such as the horizon). This reduces conflicting signals in your brain.

It may also help to:

- avoid reading, or using a mobile phone
- sit in the front seat
- drive (instead of being a passenger)
- practise mindful breathing
- listen to pleasant music.

Medicines can help. Your doctor or pharmacist can recommend a variety of over-the-counter medications, such as antihistamines, which may help alleviate symptoms.

Some people find alternative treatments helpful, including ginger, anti-nausea wrist bands (sea-bands or pressure bands). However we still don't have enough consistent scientific evidence to endorse these remedies.

There are longer-term options such as prescription medications and skin patches. However, many have potential side effects, so you should discuss these with a health professional.

Not all of these medications will be suitable for children. However, there are some options which may help alleviate serious cases, and these can be talked through with your family GP.

Does it ever go away?

Sometimes, repeated exposure to the activity (called habituation) can help reduce motion sickness. The ancient Romans and Greeks reported the more experienced a sailor became, the less prone they were to sea sickness.

While inconvenient, motion sickness may also have some evolutionary advantages. It's thought species prone to motion sickness (including humans, fish, dogs, cats, mice and horses) avoid dangerous patches of rough water or high windy branches.

We're safest when firmly on land and not moving at all. Perhaps motion sickness is simply one way that our body works to keep us out of harm's way.

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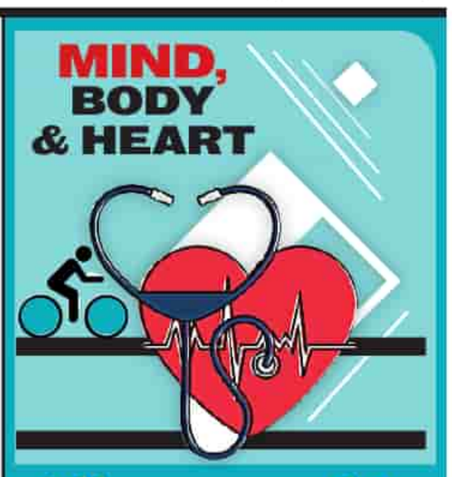

All you need to know about...

Burnout

Worrying trend

"There is a worrying trend among working women," says Dr. Padmapriya, Consultant Psychiatrist at SIMS Hospital, Chennai, who specialises in women's mental health and work-life balance. "They rarely seek help until burnout becomes debilitating. Many come in when they've hit a breaking point that is when sleep is disrupted, moods are unstable, and their bodies are reacting to stress in physical ways."

What it looks like

Burnout isn't simply feeling tired or needing a vacation. It's a clinical syndrome, recognised by the World Health Organization, that includes:
Emotional exhaustion
Depersonalisation (feeling disconnected or cynical)
Reduced personal efficacy (feeling like you're not doing enough, even when you are)

While these symptoms can affect anyone, Dr. Padmapriya points out that women particularly working mothers face unique challenges. "They're not just working one shift. After a full day at the office, they begin a second shift at home. This constant juggling chips away at their mental reserves," she explains.

Feeling exhausted

A common pattern Dr. Padmapriya sees in her patients is emotional numbness. "Many women describe feeling like they're on autopilot. They keep going, because stopping doesn't feel like an option. They push aside their stress, often not realising it's burnout," she says. This is made worse by cultural and societal messaging. "We've been conditioned to see resilience as silence. Women are told to 'manage' and 'adjust,' and to wear their self-sacrifice as a badge of honour. That mindset can be very damaging," she notes.

What it can lead to

Left unaddressed, burnout can lead to more serious health concerns clinical depression, anxiety disorders, insomnia, high blood pressure, and even alcohol dependence.

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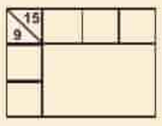

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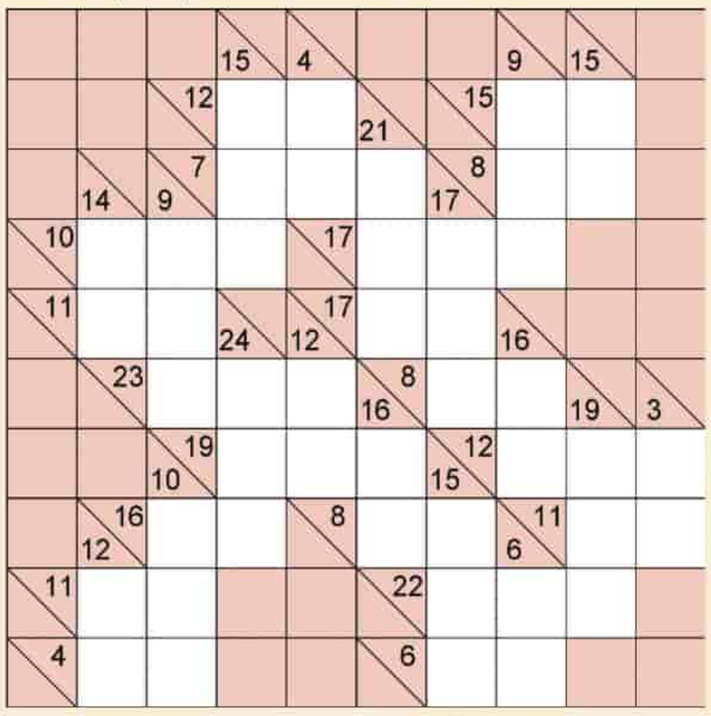

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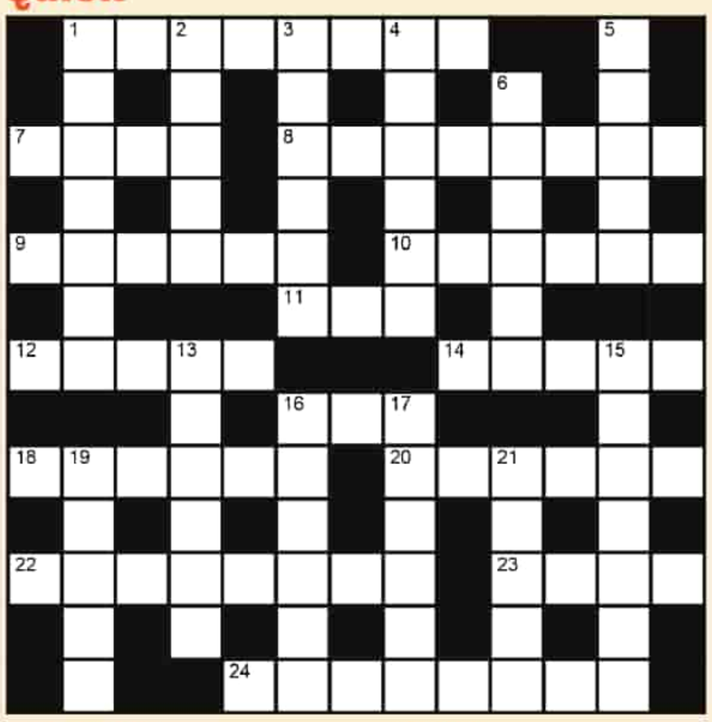

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1 Set free (8)
7 Exchange fee (4)
8 Area popular with shoppers (8)
9 One of the Fates (6)
10 Sawn or split wood (6)
11 No in Scotland ? (3)
12 Support tower (5)
14 __ __ large : generally speaking? (2,3)
16 Air Transport Indicator (3)
18 Mail related (6)
20 Mix around socially (6)
22 Shamefaced (8)
23 Devastation (4)
24 Act of infidelity to spouse (8)

DOWN

1 Lawfully (7)
2 Swell or inflate (5)
3 Suppose (6)
4 Threefold (6)
5 French pancake (5)
6 Of clothes, short and revealing (6)
13 Retail store (6)
15 Nothingness (7)
16 In league (6)
17 Capital of Manipur (6)
19 Irish alphabet (5)
21 Look after the sick (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

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Mindchow

The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men

Joke of the day

I'd hate to be a giraffe with a sore throat

Loop

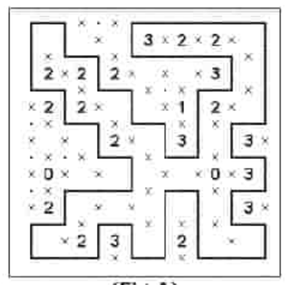
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

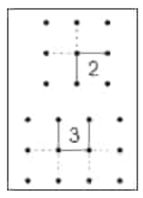
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

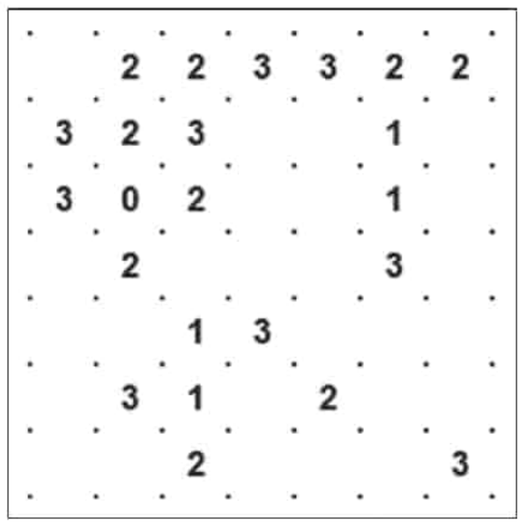
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



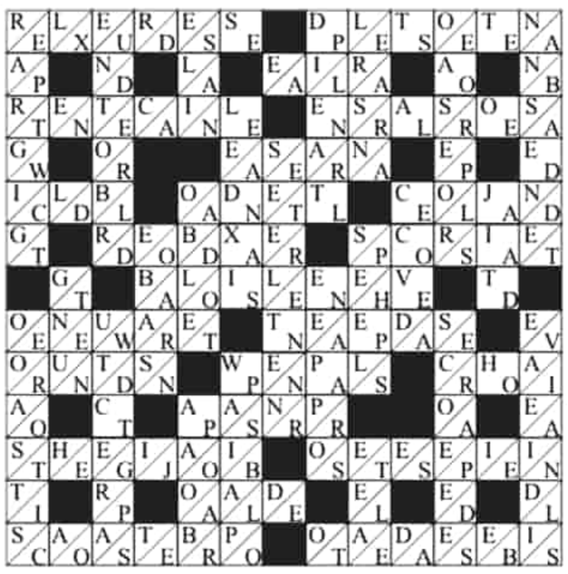
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



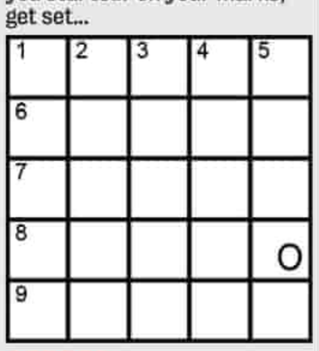
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

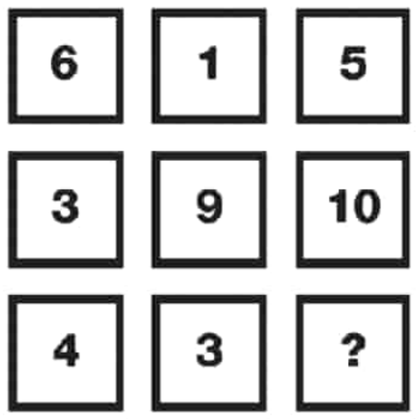
1 Harms; 6 Are to;
7 Drain; 8 Naomi;
9 Dinge

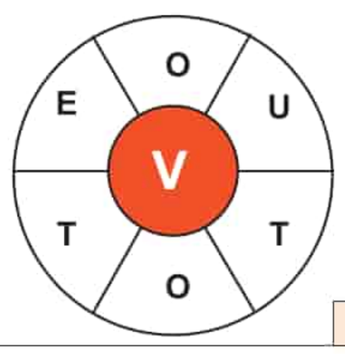
DOWN

1 Nomad; 2 A mare;
3 Raid I; 4 Tings;
5 Rhone

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5	3		9					
		8		7			1	3
				1	5			4
8	5	9					7	
	6					1	3	9
4			8	5				
6	9			4		7		
					1		4	5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

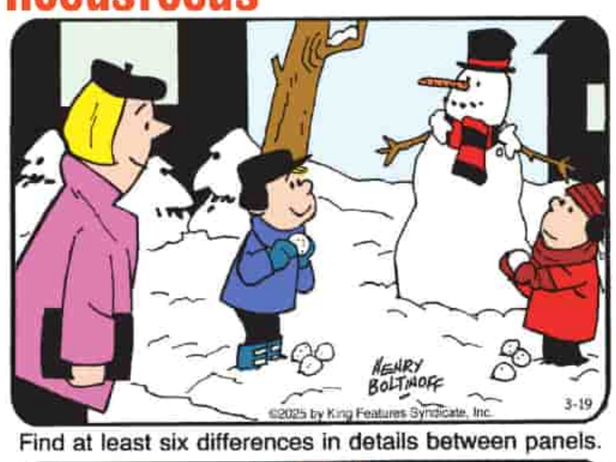
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8
2 4 5 5

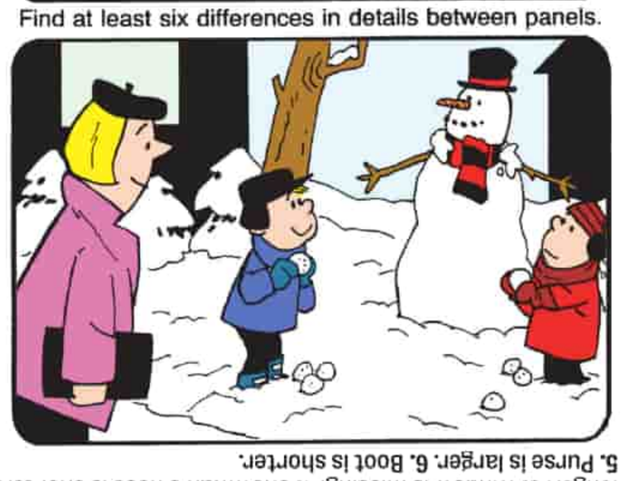
Medium = 18
4 5 8 9

Hard = 8
2 3 4 8

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



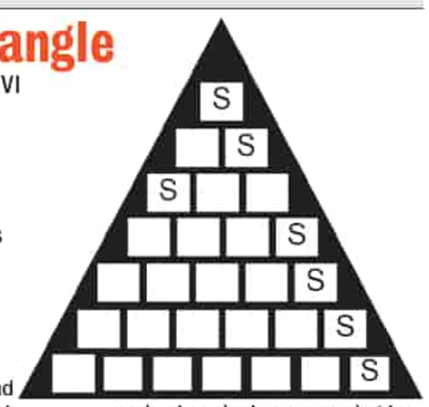
Differences: 1. Snowball is moved. 2. Snowman's arm is longer. 3. Window is missing. 4. Snowman's nose is shorter. 5. Purse is larger. 6. Boot is shorter.

Riddler

Can you unscramble the movies in Part 1 and match them with who the star was in Part 2? And your answer is?
Part (1) 1. IILLONM LLOARD BBYA, 2. A AUITEBUFL NMDI, 3. AAIRCNEM YBTUEA, 4. RRFTSOE MGPU

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number XVI
2 Good it gets
3 Tragic
4 Striplings
5 Comes to earth
6 Antelopes
7 Wax lighting rods



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT BOOK ON COWS?
IT WAS KIND OF LONG
BUT LIDDERWISE IT WAS GOOD
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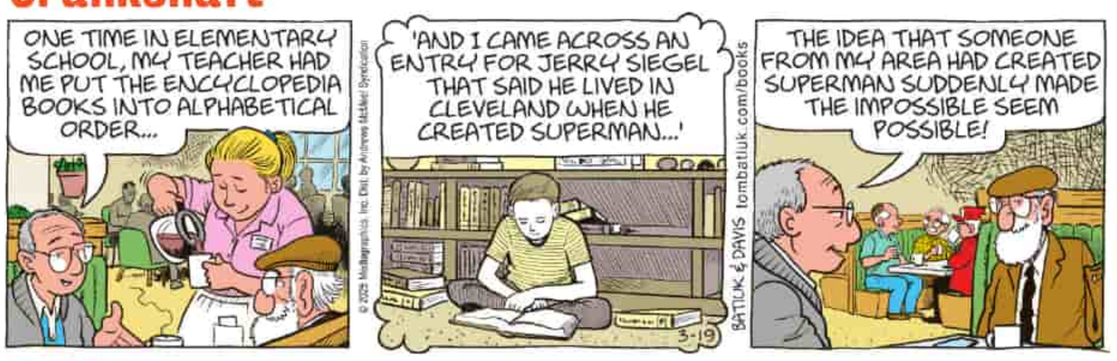
Hart of the city

MAYBE I SHOULD RUN TO THE THEATER. THERE'S NO HALL MONITORS AROUND TO CATCH ME!
NO RUNNING IN THE HALLS.
MS. THOMAS!
HOW DID YOU DO THAT?! YOU JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE LIKE A GHOST!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
THAT'S BECAUSE I AM. I DIED HERE, AND I HAUNT THIS SCHOOL.
GET TO CLASS.
-6:30

Crankshaft


ONE TIME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MY TEACHER HAD ME PUT THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BOOKS INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER...
'AND I CAME ACROSS AN ENTRY FOR JERRY SIEGEL THAT SAID HE LIVED IN CLEVELAND WHEN HE CREATED SUPERMAN...'
THE IDEA THAT SOMEONE FROM MY AREA HAD CREATED SUPERMAN SUDDENLY MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE SEEM POSSIBLE!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, a sense of dissatisfaction or lethargy may slow down your progress at work, possibly causing delays in ongoing projects. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making major relationship decisions, particularly regarding marriage. Job seekers might face temporary disappointments in interviews.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your inner strength will uplift your spirits. Short-term gains from past investments are possible. You may develop a stronger rapport with your superiors, which could lead to a promotion. Your reputation in society may improve, and work-related travel is likely on the cards.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You are blessed by the Moon today, bringing improvement in your performance and recognition for your efforts. Meeting a person of influence may help guide you in a better direction. Domestic harmony is likely to improve, and family issues can be resolved smoothly.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Happiness returns today as things fall into place. A visit to a religious or spiritual place may give you inner peace. You may also feel inclined to donate to charity. Opportunities for overseas travel related to work or studies are likely. Singles may meet someone special, and couples can expect favourable developments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may feel emotionally low and mentally fatigued, which could affect your work efficiency. Project delays may impact your professional image. Avoid risky adventures or rash driving. Tensions in love life may lead to misunderstandings or breakups. Job seekers might feel discouraged today

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today brings positivity and clarity. You may consider launching a new business in partnership. Long-distance travel is also possible. Strengthened trust with your spouse will enhance peace at home. It's a good day for building plans and nurturing relationships.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You're likely to shine at work today. Your bond with your boss may improve, potentially leading to new responsibilities or a promotion. Long-standing health issues might be resolved. Financial rewards or incentives are likely. Sibling-related misunderstandings may be settled. Job seekers may find promising opportunities.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Children's education may take centre stage today, and planning for their higher studies may keep you occupied. Couples might receive good news related to family growth. You may also consider enhancing your qualifications for a job promotion. Those in education, consulting, or banking sectors will see progress. Singles could meet someone special.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
A wave of dissatisfaction may cloud your day, making it hard to fulfill your responsibilities. Financial losses from poor investments are possible—review all documents carefully. Concerns over an elder's health might cause emotional strain. If you're considering home renovation, it's best to postpone it for now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You're likely to be fully engaged at work today. Your expanding network may help bring in significant business opportunities. You may also launch a creative venture in partnership. Financial investments from outside sources may boost your business. Emotional connection with your spouse will grow stronger.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
A family-focused day brings joy and comfort. Time spent with loved ones will rejuvenate you. You may come across new income streams, boosting your financial stability. Wise spending choices will help you avoid unnecessary expenses, and you may invest in something meaningful that elevates your social standing.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Elders' blessings may help restore your focus and patience. You'll experience renewed motivation, allowing you to progress toward your goals. Balance between spending and saving improves, leading to financial stability. Both professional and personal life show signs of improvement.

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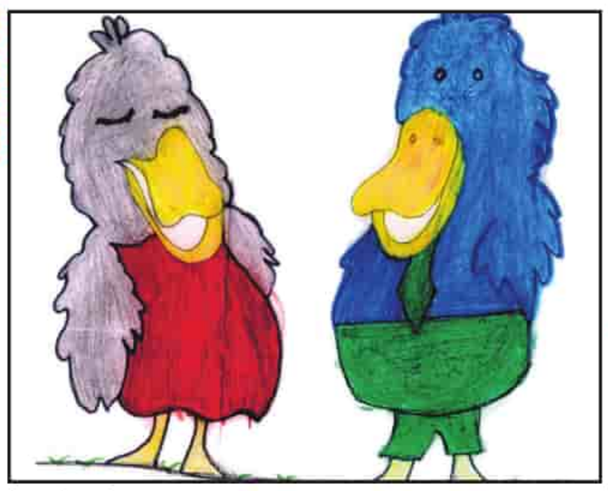

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RIDDLER
1. Million Dollar Baby: Clint Eastwood.
2. A Beautiful Mind: Russell Crowe.
3. American Beauty: Kevin Spacey.
4. Forrest Gump: Tom Hanks.

BULL'S EYE OUTVOTE, veto, vote

QUOTE UNCODE The penalty for laughing in a courtroom is six months in jail; if it were not for this penalty, the jury would never hear the evidence.

FAST FIVE

M	A	R	S	H
O	R	A	T	E
N	A	D	I	R
A	M	I	N	O
D	E	I	G	N

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
5. Working through the diagram in rows, add the left and central numbers together and subtract 2 to give the right hand value.

SOLVE IN 1M
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(576480?)*1/56 :
(209715?)*1/56 >
(576480?)*1/56 <
(209715?)*1/56

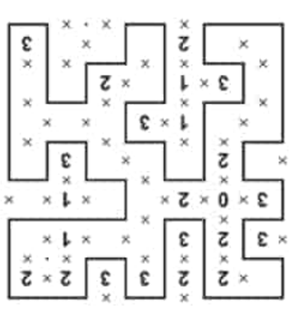
SUDOKU

3	8	2	7	6	1	9	4	5
6	9	5	2	4	3	7	8	1
4	1	7	8	5	9	3	2	6
7	6	4	5	2	8	1	3	9
1	2	3	4	9	7	6	5	8
8	5	9	1	3	6	4	7	2
2	7	6	3	1	5	8	9	4
9	4	8	6	7	2	5	1	3
5	3	1	9	8	4	2	6	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sad, Lads, Lands, Elands, Candles.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 2 − 4 + 5 = 8
Medium
5 + 9 + 8 − 4 = 18
Hard
3 x 4 − 8 x 2 = 8

LOOP



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Global honour — Actress Jacqueline Fernandez took to social media to share that she was recently recognized at the prestigious Italian Global Series Festival (IGSF) 2025 in Rimini. In her post, the actress said she received the honor on the opening night

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Dreamy proposal

Sonakshi reveals how Zaheer proposed under the Northern Lights, no less

Sonakshi Sinha recently took a walk down memory lane as she opened up about Zaheer Iqbal's dreamy proposal during their Finland vacation. As the couple celebrated their first wedding anniversary on June 23 the actress shared details of the magical moment under the Northern Lights that turned a holiday into a life-changing one.

When asked if any vacation had a life-changing impact on her, Sonakshi reflected on her trip to Finland. She told Pinkvilla that it was during this getaway that Zaheer Iqbal proposed to her. She shared that she went there with a boyfriend and returned with a fiancé. The actress described Zaheer's proposal as surreal and picture-perfect, set against the backdrop of the Northern Lights. Though there are no photos to capture it, she said the memory remains crystal clear in her mind.

When asked if she saw the proposal coming, Sonakshi said she had no clue. She thought it was just their annual holiday, unaware that Zaheer had already taken her parents' permission before the trip. She also revealed that when Zaheer proposed, she was caught completely off guard and took a few seconds to process it. At first, she even asked him if he was joking, to which he assured her he wasn't. Sonakshi said the sky lit up with bursts of green auroras that were bright, beautiful, and truly breathtaking. **—ETimes**

Brothers on a holiday

Bollywood actor Ishaan Khatter has wrapped up a picturesque European getaway with his brother Shahid Kapoor. He took to Instagram to share glimpses from the fun-filled trip as he bid farewell to the scenic landscapes of Slovenia, Croatia, and Austria. Posting photos and videos from their travel adventures, Ishaan described the journey as a memorable one. The 'Dhadak' actor captioned the post, "So long, Slovenia-Croatia-Austria until next time, you'll be the best time.."

In the first image, Khatter is seen smiling at the camera with a stunning mountain view in the background. In the next, he is seen posing with his brother Shahid. Ishaan also shared a video of himself feeding grass to a horse, followed by a clip where he flaunts his ripped back muscles while working out. He also posted a video from a bike ride during the trip. Ishaan had been sharing glimpses from the trip on social media. He had earlier dropped pictures with Shahid from their bike journey and captioned it, "First time the big bro and I have done a trip together.. just the two of us!! He couldn't have chosen a better travel companion (the bike)."

Shahid and Ishaan have always shared a strong bond. Ishaan also enjoys a close and friendly relationship with Shahid's wife, Mira Rajput. The two are half-brothers. Shahid is the son of Neelima Azeem and Pankaj Kapur, who got married in 1979. Later, in 1988, Pankaj married Supriya Pathak, while Neelima married Rajesh Khattar in 1990 and welcomed Ishaan in 1995. **—ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
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Bloody Babu on June 27

Psychological action thriller Bloody Babu, directed by Rajesh Murthy, is set to arrive in theatres on June 27. Bloody Babu is Yashaswa's second movie as a hero in Sandalwood after Agnilok.

Bloody Babu is said to be about the fight between willpower and evil power and how good prevails over evil. This is Murthy's 12th movie as a director. "Yashaswa, who plays the lead, is my son. He has acted well. Bloody Babu is Yashaswa's first movie to be released in theatres. His movies were released on an OTT platform," said Murthy.

He said the movie, which is to be screened at multiplexes and single theatres across the state, will entertain the audiences.

"The villain exploits people by hypnotising them. How the hero, with his will power, teaches the villain a lesson is the gist of the film," he said, adding that the movie's trailer and teaser have received good response.

The movie got a UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification. It was shot in Bengaluru, Nandi Hills, and Chikkamagaluru for 25 days. Smitha is paired opposite Yashaswa while Dilip Kumar plays the villain. Politician-cum-actor Narendra Babu plays the heroine's father. Dominic has bankrolled the movie under the Angel Dreams Entertainment banner. The movie has four action scenes and two songs.

Trailer unveiled

The team of the much-delayed Baravase unveiled its teaser at Renukamba Preview Theatre last Thursday. High Court advocates, government officials, and politicians graced the function. Lakshmi Nagaraj from Shivamogga has bankrolled the movie under the RR Movie Makers banner. With this movie, Muthu Gangoora debuts as a director, script writer, and dialogue writer in the Kannada film industry.

Baravase features Vinay Raj, Ahalya, Suresh, Honnavalli Krishna, Shobhraj, Manamohan Rai, Killer Venkatesh, and Kempe Gowda.

Director Muthu Gangoora said the release of the movie has been delayed due to some reasons. "The movie has turned out well. It has love, crime, and sentiments. It revolves around a young man, who wants to become somebody in society. The climax of the movie is whether he realises his dream or not," the director said, thanking the producer for giving him the opportunity to direct this movie.

Nagaraj, the husband of producer Lakshmi, said the movie highlights the importance of hard work. "The director insisted that I play a small character in the movie. I am very happy with the way it has turned out," he said.

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